GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TREES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no trees on both sides of the National Highways in the country especially on National Highways No. 1 and 2 starting from Delhi to Karnal and Delhi to Agra side;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to bring the National Highway No. 1 at par with National Highway No. 2?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) BC KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b) By and large there are trees on both sides of the National Highways inthe country although number of trees varies from reach to reach. These are relatively less in number in the reaches where four laning work has been completed recently including National Highway-1 and National Highway-2 where 4-laning has been done.More trees are being planted for recouping the same in recently completed four lane sections.

(c) The section of National Highway-2 from Delhi to Agra has recently been developed and shrubs have been grown in the median. However the section of National Highway-1 is at present under development and adequate shrubs will be provided in the median.